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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM:

Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT Legislation to Promote Foreign Language Skills

1. I have been told that you are interested in any information concerning legislation on the aforementioned subject matter. You should be aware, therefore, that the attached Bill, HR 3258, was just recently introduced in the House. It most likely will not move before the end of this session of the 101st Congress and in any event, its effect on the Agency if enacted is residual.

2.. The Bill, entitled the "Critical Languages and Area Studies Program Assistance Act," is a policy statement on the lack of critical language skills in the general American populace. The Bill authorizes an incentive program of grants (up to \$5 million per fiscal year per grant) for primarily educational institutions who are committed to providing quality critical language and area studies programs. The hope is that the Federal government can reap some of the benefits of this training at some future date.

3. Please give me a call on if I can be of further assistance to you.

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Attachment

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